

What is claimed is:

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1. An absorbent article (40) comprising a fluid permeable cover (62), a liquid impermeable baffle (64) and an absorbent (66) situated between the cover and the baffle, the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule of a female wearer, the absorbent article further comprising a principal longitudinal axis, a principal transverse axis, a body-facing surface, a surface opposed to the body-facing surface, a length, a width, a thickness, first (76) and second (78) spaced apart transverse end areas, first (80) and second (82) spaced apart longitudinal sides, the longitudinal sides ranging between the transverse end areas and collectively defining a periphery of the absorbent article, and at least one tab (94) extending outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area.
2. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the tab has sufficient dimensions to allow a user to grasp the tab and maintain control of the absorbent article during disposition of the absorbent article within the vestibule.
3. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the tab comprises a fluid permeable material.
4. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the fluid permeable cover extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.
5. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the tab comprises an absorbent material.
6. The absorbent article of claim 5, wherein the absorbent material of the tab further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.
7. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.
8. The absorbent article of claim 7, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.
9. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the tab comprises a liquid impermeable material.

5 11. The absorbent article of claim 1, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

13. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the tab has sufficient dimensions to allow a user to grasp the tab and maintain control of the absorbent article during disposition within the vestibule.

14. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the tab comprises a fluid permeable material.

15. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the absorbent article further comprises a  
25 fluid permeable cover (62).

16. The absorbent article of claim 15, wherein the fluid permeable cover extends outward from the periphery at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

30 17. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the tab comprises an absorbent material.

18. The absorbent article of claim 17, wherein the absorbent material of the tab further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

19. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the absorbent extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

20. The absorbent article of claim 19, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

21. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the tab comprises a liquid impermeable material.

22. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the liquid impermeable baffle extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

23. The absorbent article of claim 12, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

24. An absorbent article (40) comprising an absorbent (66), the absorbent article being configured for disposition within the vestibule of a female wearer, the absorbent article further having a principal longitudinal axis, a principal transverse axis, a body-facing surface, a surface opposed to the body-facing surface, a length, a width, a thickness, first (76) and second (78) spaced apart transverse end areas, first (80) and second (82) spaced apart longitudinal sides, the longitudinal sides ranging between the transverse end areas and collectively defining a periphery of the absorbent article, and at least one tab (94) extending outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area.

25. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the tab has sufficient dimensions to allow a user to grasp the tab and maintain control of the absorbent article during disposition within the vestibule.

26. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the tab comprises a fluid permeable material.

27. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the absorbent further comprises a fluid permeable cover (62).

28. The absorbent article of claim 27, wherein the fluid permeable cover extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

29. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the tab comprises an absorbent material.

30. The absorbent article of claim 29, wherein the absorbent material of the tab further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

31. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the absorbent extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

32. The absorbent article of claim 31, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

33. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the tab comprises a liquid impermeable material.

34. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the absorbent article further comprises a liquid impermeable baffle (64).

35. The absorbent article of claim 34, wherein the liquid impermeable baffle extends outward from the periphery of at least one transverse end area to form the tab.

36. The absorbent article of claim 24, wherein the absorbent further comprises a superabsorbent polymer.

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